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SIGNS TRADE PACT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA

CALLS FOR 50-PERCENT INCREASE -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 63, 11 Jan 50

The German Democratic Republic concluded a new trade agreement with Czechoslovakia providing for a 50-percent increase above the amount stipulated for 1949, i.e., 44 million dollars.

Czechoslovakia is to ship metallurgical coke, automobile tires, rolling mill products, foods, and textiles, while Soviet Zone Germany will export machinery, semiprocessed and processed chemical products, optical and precision instruments, and fertilizer.

The agreement was signed by the East German Minister for Interzonal and Foreign Trade, Herr Handke, and by the Czechoslovakia Deputy Foreign Trade Minister, Dvorak.

Taegliche Rundschau, No 54, 4 Mar 50

Reportedly, Czechoslovakia is ready to purchase from the German Democratic Republic machines, apparatus, machine parts, precision instruments, optical goods (including cameras and photographic supplies) textile needles, chemical products, Igelit, electrical goods, etc.

In return, Czechoslovakia will supply the Soviet Zone with motor vehicles, tires, rubber goods, V belts, special processing machines, refractory products, naphthalene and other chemicals, rolled goods, and steel bars.

In an exchange of raw materials for food supplies, Czechoslovakia will receive from the German Democratic Republic sand for the glass industry, gypsum, rock salt, etc., against shipments of metallurgical coke, fire clay, and magnesite, as well as fruits and vegetables.

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NEW-TYPE PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPER -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 36, 11 Feb 50

A new type of photographic paper has been developed by Doctor (fnu) Guenther, scientific expert of the people-owned Mimosa plant in Dresden.

This specially processed paper produces even color graduations after exposure and developing.

Orders have been shipped to Czechoslovakia and Sweden. Large export orders for other countries are on hand.

PRINTING PRESSES FOR EXPORT -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 42, 18 Feb 50

The entire output of two-revolution and platen printing presses produced by the people-owned Polygraph plant is designed for export. The chief consumers of these specialized machines will be the USSR, India, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

PRODUCES FOR EXPORT -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 58, 9 Mar 50

The Berlin Chemical Combine has established important export connections as a result of its exhibit at the Leipzig Fair, which included quality soaps, paints and varnishes, printing inks, high-grade glass products, and special Arbor valves for cast-steel cylinders.

POLAND ORDERS CAMERAS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 44, 21 Feb 50

The Central Association of People-Owned Mechanical Plants, which includes the 21 most significant photographic and motion-picture-supply producers in the German Democratic Republic, has received orders from Poland for 150,000 dollars' worth of cameras.

ORDER KNITTING-MACHINE NEEDLES -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 36, 11 Feb 50

The Chemnitz Needle Factory, a plant belonging to the Central Association of People-Owned Enterprises of the Textile Machine Industry, recently received a 32,000-dollar order for knitting-machine needles for shipment to Hungary. Poland also placed an order for knitting needles, amounting to over 80,000 dollars.

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